

### **Remarks**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 1, 7, 13 and 20 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-24 are presented for examination.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, and 4-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over BOCCON-GIBOD (U.S. Patent No. 2001/0016836) in view of Angelo (U.S. Patent No. 5,944,821). Applicant submits that the present claims are patentable over BOCCON-GIBOD in view of Angelo.

BOCCON-GIBOD discloses a system and method of distributing music and video signals over a network. The system includes a client. The client includes client helper software having a client manager module, playback module, codec units, encryption/decryption modules, key store, key store lock and device manager. The playback module communicates with the codec units to decompress music and video content before playback. See BOCCON-GIBOD at paragraphs [0025] – [0026].

Angelo discloses a computer system that incorporates the capability to protect against the execution of unauthorized or modified code in real time. A secure hash table is provided that contains a secure hash value for each program that the user wants to track. The hash table is stored in protected memory that can only be accessed when the computer system is in a system management mode. Execution of a secured application is then predicated on its current hash value matching a corresponding hash value in the secure hash table. When a user attempts to execute a secured application, a system management interrupt (SMI) is generated. The SMI places the computer system in a system management mode, causing an SMI handler routine to be executed. The SMI handler first generates a current hash value for

the program to be executed. Next, the SMI handler checks the stored hash table for an entry for the secured application. If a hash value entry is found, it is compared with the newly-calculated hash value for the secured application. In the event the two values match, the integrity of the application is guaranteed and it is loaded into memory and executed. For security-sensitive applications, the entire application or a portion of it is loaded into system management mode memory (hereinafter "SMM memory") prior to running the execution. If the two values do not match, the user is alerted to the discrepancy and may be given the option to update or override the stored hash table entry by entering an administrative password. See Angelo at col. 4, ll. 26 – col. 5, ll. 5.

Claim 1 of the present application recites that an integrity agent enforces conditions of use for received content by examining a second voucher, wherein the second voucher includes system module critical content components to be used by a codec. Applicant submits that BOCCON-GIBOD does not disclose or suggest such a feature. In fact, the Examiner admits that BOCCON-GIBOD does not disclose an integrity agent. See the Office Action, mailed September 9, 2005 at page 4, section 1. Instead, the Examiner asserts that Angelo discloses such an integrity agent.

Angelo discloses using hash tables to protect against the execution of unauthorized or modified code. First, protecting against the execution of unauthorized or modified code is not equivalent to enforcing conditions of use for received content. Second, hash tables are not the same as a voucher that includes system module critical content components to be used by a codec. Since neither BOCCON-GIBOD nor Angelo disclose or suggest that an integrity agent enforces conditions of use for received content by examining a second voucher, wherein the second voucher includes system module critical content components to

be used by a codec, any combination of BOCCON-GIBOD and Angelo would not disclose or suggest the feature. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable over BOCCON-GIBOD in view of Angelo.

Claims 2-6 depend from claim 1 and include additional features. Thus, claims 2-6 are also patentable over BOCCON-GIBOD in view of Angelo.

Claim 7 recites an integrity agent to enforce conditions of use for content received at a trusted player by examining a second voucher describing the integrity of one or more functions that are to be accessed by a codec, wherein the second voucher includes system module critical content components to be used by the codec. Thus, for the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1, claim 7 is also patentable over BOCCON-GIBOD in view of Angelo. Claims 8-12 depend from claim 7 and include additional features. Therefore, claims 8-12 are also patentable over BOCCON-GIBOD in view of Angelo.

Claim 13 recites intercepting a function call to a first component of a system module at an integrity agent in order to enforce conditions of use of content by examining a voucher describing integrity of one or more functions that are to be accessed by a codec, wherein the voucher includes system module critical content components to be used by the codec. Thus, for the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1, claim 13 is also patentable over BOCCON-GIBOD in view of Angelo. Claims 14-19 depend from claim 13 and include additional features. Therefore, claims 14-19 are also patentable over BOCCON-GIBOD in view of Angelo.

Claim 20 recites causing a processing unit to intercept a function call to a first component of a system module in order to enforce conditions of use of content by examining a voucher describing integrity of one or more functions that are to be accessed by a codec,

wherein the voucher includes system module critical content components to be used by the codec. Thus, for the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1, claim 20 is also patentable over BOCCON-GIBOD in view of Angelo. Claims 21-24 depend from claim 20 and include additional features. Therefore, claims 21-24 are also patentable over BOCCON-GIBOD in view of Angelo.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over BOCCON-GIBOD in view of Angelo in view of Reid (U.S. Patent No. 5,844,575). Applicant submits that the present claims are patentable over BOCCON-GIBOD in view of Angelo and Reid.

Reid discloses an apparatus and method for asynchronous compression of video information in a computer system. See Reid at Abstract. Nonetheless, Reid does not disclose or suggest that an integrity agent enforces conditions of use for received content by examining a second voucher, wherein the second voucher includes system module critical content components to be used by a codec. As discussed above, BOCCON-GIBOD and Angelo fail to disclose or suggest that an integrity agent enforces conditions of use for received content by examining a second voucher, wherein the second voucher includes system module critical content components to be used by a codec. Therefore, any combination of BOCCON-GIBOD, Angelo and Reid would also fail to disclose or suggest such a feature. As a result, the present claims are patentable over BOCCON-GIBOD in view of Angelo and Reid.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.


The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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